

[13th December 1923]

LOCAL SELF-GOVERNMENT.

Gudur water-supply scheme.

34 Q.—Rao Bahadur A. S. KRISHNA RAO PANTULU : Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(a) when the water-supply scheme in Gudur, Nellore district, was taken up for investigation ;

(b) whether any wells have been constructed or other works carried out under that scheme, and, if so, at what cost ;

(c) what amount of money has been hitherto spent for the investigation of that scheme ; and

(d) whether the scheme has been abandoned, and if so, for what reasons ?

A —(a) A scheme for the supply of water to Gudur was first drawn up by the Sanitary Engineer in 1904. The source proposed having proved a failure on subsequent investigation, the Government ordered a further investigation of all likely sources of supply in 1909.

(b) & (c) Two suction wells were constructed in order to test the yield and quality of the water-supply. In December 1918, the Sanitary Engineer reported that the amount actually spent on the wells was Rs. 18,117 and that the work remaining to be done to complete the wells would cost Rs. 6,716. In February 1919, an estimate of Rs. 5,500 for completing both the suction wells and for putting down a boring in the centre of each of the two wells was approved by the Government.

(d) The scheme was dropped in June 1921, as the Gudur Union Board was reported by the hon. Member as President of the District Board not to be in a position to contribute anything towards the capital cost of the scheme which had risen from the original estimate of Rs. 1.13 lakhs to Rs. 3.46 lakhs. The President of the District Board was duly apprised of the fact.

Mangalore water-supply scheme.

35 Q.—Rao Sahib U. RAMA RAO : Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(i) in what stage the Mangalore water-supply scheme is at present, and whether any plans and estimates have been prepared and sanctioned ;

(ii) when the scheme is likely to be put into execution ; and

(iii) whether the Government are aware that typhoid fever is always endemic in Mangalore and that the cause is attributed mainly to lack of good water-supply ?

A.—(i) & (ii) A scheme for the supply of water to Mangalore from the springs in the Hassamer valley has been under investigation for some time ; proposals have been received from the Sanitary Engineer for continuing the investigation. These are now under consideration. Detailed plans and estimates have not yet been prepared for the scheme.

(iii) The Government have no information.